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For the foregoing reasons, the Examiner takes the position that the combination of Wilk et al., Hamlin et al. and Kanno et al. does render claim 1 unpatentable and specifically makes obvious a light emitting diode mounted at a distal end of the shaft and fluid-tightly sealed from the environment by the shaft so as to be sterilizable for re-use.

(11) Related Proceeding(s) Appendix

No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.

For the above reasons, it is believed that the rejections should be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

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